

Biden (for Sessions) Amendment No. 5087, to advise the public about the risks of contracting HIV from blood exposures, to investigate unexplained infections, and to promote universal precautions in health care settings. **Pages S6830–31**

Rejected:

By 32 yeas to 63 nays (Vote No. 178), Cornyn Amendment No. 5083, to establish a bipartisan commission for the purpose of improving oversight and eliminating wasteful government spending under the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief. **Pages S6813–16**

By 44 yeas to 51 nays (Vote No. 179), Gregg Amendment No. 5081, to strike the provision requiring the development of coordinated oversight plans and to establish an independent Inspector General at the Office of the Global AIDS Coordinator. **Pages S6831–32**

By 28 yeas to 67 nays (Vote No. 180), Kyl Amendment No. 5082, to limit the period during which appropriations may be made to carry out this Act and to create a point of order in the Senate against appropriation to carry out this Act that exceeds the amount authorized for fiscal year 2013. **Page S6832**

By 31 yeas to 64 nays (Vote No. 181), DeMint Amendment No. 5077, to reduce to \$35,000,000,000 the amount authorized to be appropriated to combat HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis, and malaria in developing countries during the next 5 years. **Page S6832**

Appointments:

U.S.-Russia Interparliamentary Group: The Chair, on behalf of the Majority Leader, pursuant to Section 154 of Public Law 108–199, as amended, appointed the following Senator as Vice Chairman of the Senate Delegation to the U.S.-Russia Interparliamentary Group conference during the 110 Congress: Senator Gregg. **Page S6878**

Majority Leader—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 10 a.m. on Thursday, July 17, 2008, the Majority Leader be recognized to make a motion to proceed. **Page S6878**

Messages from the President: Senate received the following messages from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the continuation of the national emergency and related measures dealing with the former Liberian regime of Charles Taylor; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–56) **Pages S6867–68**

Transmitting, pursuant to law, the Agreement Between the United States and Poland on Social Secu-

rity, consisting of a principal agreement and an administrative agreement; which was referred to the Committee on Finance. (PM–57) **Page S6868**

Measures Placed on the Calendar:

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:

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Additional Statements:

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Amendments Submitted:

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Notices of Hearings/Meetings:

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Authorities for Committees to Meet:

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Privileges of the Floor:

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Record Votes: Five record votes were taken today. (Total—182) **Pages S6816, S6831–32, S6832, S6833, S6842**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 8:30 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Thursday, July 17, 2008. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S6878.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: NIH

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2009 for the National Institutes of Health, after receiving testimony from Elias A. Zerhouni, Director, National Institutes of Health, Department of Health and Human Services.

IRAQ NEGOTIATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on the status of negotiations with Iraq on a strategic framework agreement and a status of forces agreement from Lieutenant General Douglas E. Lute, USA, Assistant to the President and Deputy National Security Advisor for Iraq and Afghanistan, and Christopher C. Straub, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Middle Eastern Affairs, both of the Department of Defense; and Richard J. Schmierer, Deputy Assistant Secretary and Coordinator for Iraq, Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs, Department of State.

LAND BILLS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Public Lands and Forests concluded a hearing to examine S. 2354, to direct the Secretary

of the Interior to convey 4 parcels of land from the Bureau of Land Management to the city of Twin Falls, Idaho, S. 3065, to establish the Dominguez-Escalante National Conservation Area and the Dominguez Canyon Wilderness Area, S. 3069, to designate certain land as wilderness in the State of California, S. 3085, to require the Secretary of the Interior to establish a cooperative watershed management program, H.R. 3473, to provide for a land exchange with the City of Bountiful, Utah, involving National Forest System land in the Wasatch-Cache National Forest and to further land ownership consolidation in that national forest, H.R. 3490, to transfer administrative jurisdiction of certain Federal lands from the Bureau of Land Management to the Bureau of Indian Affairs, to take such lands into trust for Tuolumne Band of Me-Wuk Indians of the Tuolumne Rancheria, H.R. 3651, to require the conveyance of certain public land within the boundaries of Camp Williams, Utah, to support the training and readiness of the Utah National Guard, H.R. 2632, to establish the Sabinoso Wilderness Area in San Miguel County, New Mexico, and S. 2448, to amend the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 to make certain technical corrections, after receiving testimony from Senator Boxer; Brent Wahlquist, Director, Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, and Henri Bisson, Deputy Director, and Avra Morgan, Reclamation Drought Coordinator, Office of Program and Policy Services, both of the Bureau of Reclamation, all of the Department of the Interior; Joel Holtrop, Deputy Chief, National Forest System, United States Forest Service, Department of Agriculture; Jan McCracken, Delta County, Delta, Colorado; and Tom Hinz, Greater Gallatin Watershed Council, Bozeman, Montana.

NUCLEAR PLANTS LICENSING AND RELICENSING

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Clean Air and Nuclear Safety concluded a hearing to examine the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's licensing and relicensing processes for nuclear power plants, after receiving testimony from Dale E. Klein, Chairman, Gregory B. Jaczko, Peter B. Lyons, and Kristine L. Svinicki, each a Commissioner, and Hubert T. Bell, Inspector General, all of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission; David A. Christian, Dominion Nuclear, Glenn Allen, Virginia; Anthony R. Pietrangelo, Nuclear Energy Institute, and Joseph Romm, Center for American Progress Action Fund, both of Washington, D.C.; Richard Webster, Eastern Environmental Law Center, Newark, New Jersey; and H. John Gilbertson, Jr., Goldman, Sachs and Company, Chicago, Illinois.

SIX-PARTY TALKS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a closed hearing to examine North Korea's declaration and the Six-Party Talks on North Korea's nuclear weapons program, after receiving testimony from Christopher R. Hill, Assistant Secretary of State for the Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs.

GLOBAL NUCLEAR DETECTION

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine global nuclear detection architecture—an integrated system of radiation detection equipment and interdiction activities, focusing on ways to build domestic defenses to combat a possible future attack, after receiving testimony from Chuck Gallaway, Deputy Director, and Mark Mullen, Assistant Director, Architecture Directorate, both of the Domestic Nuclear Detection Office, Department of Homeland Security; David C. Maurer, Acting Director, Natural Resources and Environment, Government Accountability Office; Dana A. Shea, Specialist in Science and Technology Policy, Resources, Science, and Industry Division, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; and Robert F. Nesbit, MITRE Corporation, Bedford, Massachusetts.

HUMAN CAPITAL CRISIS AT THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia concluded a hearing to examine the human capital crisis at the Department of State, focusing on the Department's efforts to hire, develop, position, and support a dedicated corps of Foreign Service, Civil Service, and locally employed staff to effectively meet the global implications, challenges, standards of operational readiness, and the worldwide mission of the Department, after receiving testimony from Harry K. Thomas, Director General of the Foreign Service and Director of Human Resources, Department of State; and John K. Naland, American Foreign Service Association (AFSA), and Ronald E. Neumann, American Academy of Diplomacy, both of Washington, D.C.

CHILDHOOD OBESITY (PART I)

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Subcommittee on Children and Families held a hearing to examine childhood obesity, focusing on the declining health of America's next generation (Part I), receiving testimony from Jeffrey Levi, Trust for America's Health (TFAH), and Bruce Lesley, First

Focus, both of Washington, D.C.; Francine Kaufman, University of Southern California, Los Angeles; and Margaret Grey, Yale University School of Nursing, New Haven, Connecticut.

Hearing recessed subject to the call.

U.S. DETAINEE/TERRORISM POLICIES

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Administration's detainee policies and the global fight against terrorism, focusing on legal foundations and the military justice and federal court systems, after receiving testimony from Kate Martin, Center for National Security Studies, and David B. Rivkin, Jr., Baker Hostetler, LLP, both of Washington, D.C.; and Colonel Will A. Gunn, USAF (Ret.), Fort Belvoir, Virginia.

U.S. CAPITOL POLICE

Committee on Rules and Administration: Committee concluded a hearing to examine administrative and management operations of the United States Capitol

Police, after receiving testimony from Phillip D. Morse, Sr., Chief of Police, United States Capitol Police; Richard A. Stana, Director, Homeland Security and Justice, Government Accountability Office; and Matthew A. Tighe, Fraternal Order of Police U.S. Capitol Police Labor Committee, Washington, D.C.

RETIREMENT SAVINGS

Special Committee on Aging: Committee concluded a hearing to examine smart ways Americans can save for their retirement, after receiving testimony from Gregory T. Long, Executive Director, Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board; Christian E. Weller, University of Massachusetts Boston Department of Public Policy and Public Affairs; J. Mark Iwry, Brookings Institution, and David C. John, Heritage Foundation, both on behalf of the Retirement Security Project, and John Gannon, Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, all of Washington, D.C.; and Bruce R. Bent, The Reserve, New York, New York.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 22 public bills, H.R. 6506–6527; and 1 resolution H. Res. 1351 were introduced. **Pages H6673–74**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H6674–75**

Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

H. Res. 1350, providing for consideration of motions to suspend the rules (H. Rept. 110–761).

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Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Rev. John C. Garrett, Parish of Our Lady of Sorrows-St. Anthony, Hamilton, New Jersey.

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Burma Democracy Promotion Act: The House agreed by unanimous consent that the Clerk be authorized to make the changes placed at the desk in the engrossment of the House amendment to the Senate amendment to the text of H.R. 3890, to impose sanctions on officials of the State Peace and Development Council in Burma, to amend the Burmese Freedom and Democracy Act of 2003 to prohibit the importation of gemstones and hardwoods from Burma, and to promote a coordinated international effort to restore civilian democratic rule to Burma.

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Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2009: The House passed H.R. 5959, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2009 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System, by voice vote.

Pages H6582–87, H6596–97, H6599–H6648

Rejected the Hoekstra motion to recommit the bill to the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence with instructions to report the same back to the House promptly with an amendment, by a recorded vote of 200 ayes to 225 noes, Roll No. 502.

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Pursuant to the rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence now printed in the bill shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment under the five-minute rule.

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Accepted:

Reyes amendment (No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 110–759) that adds an exception to the alternative fuel procurement requirement, clarifying that the bill does not prohibit an element of the intelligence community from entering into a contract to purchase a generally available fuel that is not an alternative or synthetic fuel or predominantly produced from a